




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: June 29, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to, and authorizing entering into a grant agreement with, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 12 funds for project planning and design services for coastal trail and access projects, unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Malibu.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to, and authorizing entering into a grant agreement with, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 12 funds for project planning and design services for coastal trail and access projects, unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Malibu, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) develops and implements a wide range of projects for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) including through project planning and design grants. To continue this effort to secure and develop land interests and public recreation resources in the Conservancy's jurisdiction, staff is seeking authorization to submit a project planning and design grant application to the Conservancy. The proposed grant application is for project planning and design services for coastal trail and access projects, in a portion of the Santa Monica Mountains within unincorporated Los Angeles County and City of Malibu. The proposed grant would include new areas reaching to the Backbone Trail that were not considered under the last Malibu coastal grant submission.

Staff submitted a grant application prior to the agenda being published for the Conservancy June 27, 2016 meeting. If the Conservancy approves the grant application at the June 27, 2016 meeting, this MRCA action would authorize entering into a grant agreement and acceptance of said funding.